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- LATE LOGS -

Voice Of Prozac: 2/7-1957-6955-AM. (JC,ONT 544/333)

WPN: 2/13-0156-6954.7-AM. (CD,NC 221)

WWRX: 2/7, 2031-6955-USB. (JC,ONT 433)

- FROM ACROSS THE POND -

Alpha Lima International- Box 663, 7900 ar Hoogeveen, Netherlands

Feb.21-0635-0735-6269.6-AM. Mx program, EE IDs, gave phone # for live call-ins. (MP,NY 333)

Feb.28-0645-0725-6269.6-AM. Mx including "Glory Days" by Bruce Springsteen & "Sultans Of Swing" by Dire Straits. (MP,NY fair)

Laser Hot Hits-Merlin, ONT

Feb.21-0322-0346+-6220-AM. Mx: "You Showed Me", "Cried Like A Baby", said "your number 1 stn for hot hits!". (RC,MA 322)

Feb.21-0738-0800-6220-AM. Songs by Tina Turner, ZZ Top, Spin Doctors, "all hits, all day" jingle. (MP,NY 3-453)

Feb.26-0144-0200-6220-AM. Pop & rock mx. (RC,MA 322)

Play DX Music-via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milan, Italy

Mar.19-2310-2313-11470-USB. Via SWRS, signal came up enough to hear SWRS theme mx followed by OM in a foreign language then PDM ID, lost @2313. (JF,RI 242)

Radio Nordsea International-

Feb.26-0201-0241-6220-AM. Possible relay via Laser Hot Hits, mx: "Ride My Seesaw", "You Wear It Well", gave a PO Box 112 address in Switzerland. (RC,MA 333)

Radio Silver-c/o Play DX, Via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy

Feb.21-0216-0225-7590-LSB. Via SWRS, classic rock & roll including "Maybe Baby", "Great Balls Of Fire". (JR,VA poor)

Shortwave Relay Service-Wuppertal, Germany

Feb.20-2155-2242-7590-LSB. Relay of Radio Silver & Interferenze, nothing heard on other freqs. listed. (MP,NY 2-343)

Feb.21-1500-1540-21450-USB. Italian programming mentioning many Europirate stns then into Letter Box program in EE. (MP,NY 353)

Feb.27-0152-0200*-7590-LSB. Heard mx by Madonna. (GM,CT 131)

Feb.27-2021-2053-11470-USB. Flute & Irish mx, mentioned Dublin. (GM,CT 141)

Feb.27-2218-2340-7590.1-LSB. Oldies, SWRS promos. (GM,VA 333)

Feb.28-0042-0124+-7590-LSB. Oldies mx by Chuck Berry, Nat King Cole, Marvin Gaye, Nancy Sinatra. (ML,CT 222)

Mar.6-2213-2340-7590-LSB. Show in English & German, pop mx including "Man On The Moon" by REM, relay of Fantasy Radio Network. (GM,CT 232) (GM,VA 343/344) (RH,PA 251)

Mar.12/13-*2356-0013-11470-USB. On after Treasure Island Oldies Show relay w/mx & a mailbag program. (JF,RI 242)

Mar.14-0024-0110-7590-LSB. Heard a few Andean like songs. (LS,OH 252)

Treasure Island Oldies Show-c/o Michael Godin, 401-68 Water St., Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6B 1A4

Mar.12-2320-2356*-11470-USB. OM playing songs like "Slow Dancing", "You Are My Destiny", "I Want You, I Need You, I Love You", "Beyond The Sea", some instrumental mx, phone conversation between OM & YL. (JF,RI 242)

UNID

Feb.21-0037-0056-6283.9-AM. Played mx: "What's Going On" by Four Non-Blondes, Euro accented OM w/mentions of "shortwave", "I hope reception is ok", "hello, hello, hello", also played another rock song, possible ID as Radio Spaceman or as Radio Spaceland. (RC,MA 232)

- NORTH AMERICA - SHORTWAVE -

10 20 20-QSL info unknown

Mar.14-0039-0043*-6955-USB. OM said, "sound the alarm & killer attack cows will respond", mx, cows mooing, ID @ QRT. (ML,CT 323 PLS QSL) (MH,SC 323) (JF,RI 333 as unid PLS QSL) (SM,OK PLS QSL) (BF,PA weak as unid PLS QSL) (CC,KY 331)

Mar.14-1539-1541*-6955-USB. Replay of 3/14, 0039 UTC program. (CC,KY 353)

Mar.14-*1545-1549*-6955-USB. Replay. (CC,KY 454)

Betty Boop Radio-Providence, RI

Mar.13-1845-1900+-6955-AM. Replay of last year's Halloween program w/host Keelo Verndigh. (NW,ONT fair) (CD,NC 244) (BF,PA good)

Black Rock Radio/KMUD-anned PO Box 928, Lone Pine, CA 93545

Mar.3-0229-0338-6953.2-AM. OM playing mx & talking, apparently a test brdcast. (SM,OK PLS QSL)

Mar.9-0203-0344-6953.5-AM. Test brdcast of mx & IDs in CW, said more to follow rest of the week & weekend around same time. (SM,OK PLS QSL)

Mar.14-0123-0201-6953.9-AM. IDs in CW. (SM,OK PLS QSL)

Blind Faith Radio-Merlin, ONT & blindfaithradio@yahoo.com

Feb.20-1603-1631*-6955-USB. Anncr Dr Napalm w/mx by Iron Butterfly. (GM,CT 254)

Mar.1-*0104-0145*-6955-USB. Mx by The Guess Who: "American Woman", "No Time" "Hang On To Your Life", mentioned the bust of Jimmy The Weasel. (GZ,OH 454) (GM,CT 535) (SM,OK) (JC,ONT 433) (BF,PA) (JS,NE 433+) (CC,KY 554)

Mar.7-*1636-1659*-6955-USB. 50's & 60's Motown tunes by request: "Jenny, Jenny", "Get Ready", "Devil With A Blue Dress On", apologized to George Zeller for typo on his QSL, hello to people who wrote in. (BF,PA weak) (GM,CT 455) (JF,RI 344)

Mar.13-1628-1648+-6955-USB. Dr. Napalm playing tunes: "Raise A Little Hell", "Journey To The Center Of Your Mind", "I Got A Light On You Babe", parody of a 911 phone call of an FCC agent involved in a car accident on way to Kulpville, Pa., jammed by an AM carrier. (JF,RI 322) (NW ONT fair)

CHU-QSL info unknown

Feb.28-*0028-0035*-6955-USB. Played rock mx & ID as "CHU Canada". (GZ,OH 454) (MH,SC 444) (BF,PA good) (GM,VA 444 PLS QSL) (CD,NC 455) (ML,CT 434 PLS QSL)

East Coast Beer Drinker-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Mar.7-0255-0302*-6955.2-USB. Read some listener's letters, played song "Wing & A Prayer", Yogi Bear bit, ad for Robin Hood & His Merry Men. (SM,OK good show!) (JS,NE 433 good show!)

Free Dylan Experience-Providence, RI

Mar.13-1511+-6955-AM. Announcer Major Bob playing James Brown mx. (NW,ONT good) (JC,ONT 323 as Free Hope Experience) (BF,PA good) (CC,KY 251 as unid)

Free Radio America/KREZ-QSL info unknown

Mar.13-2340-2359-6955-USB. New stn playing heavy metal mx, Doors tunes like "Riders On The Storm", "Break On Through". (MH,SC 322/131) (JF,RI 131 as unid PLS QSL) (SM,OK PLS QSL)

Mar.14-0033-0113-6955-USB. Songs: "Hello I Love You", "Carolina On My Mind", said using 10-15 watts & gave a maildrop in IL. (JS,NE as unid PLS QSL) (JF,RI 141 as unid PLS QSL) (SM,OK) (LS,OH 333) (CC,KY 342 as unid)

Mar.14-*0735-0805-6954.9-USB. Mx & comments. (SM,OK)

Mar.15-0101-0132-6955-USB. Mx by Korn, Jimi Hendrix, said stn is in the Chicago area. (GM,CT 411) (JS,NE 323 PLS QSL) (SM,OK) (LS,OH 333)

Mar.16-0005-6955-USB. Played song "I'm An Asshole", comedy ads, announcer said stn used to be called KREZ, interference from carrier on 6957. (GM,CT 422) (SM,OK)

Mar.17-0108-0207-6955/6958-USB. Announcer The Don w/mx by The Doors, Allman Bros, Kiss, Lynyrd Skynyrd, said using 75 watts, switched to 6958 @0146 UTC to avoid strong carrier on 6957. (JR,VA good PLS QSL) (SM,OK) (LS,OH 433) (CC,KY 433)

Mar.18-0113-0219*-6957.9-USB. Played mx by Smashing Pumpkins, Allman Bros. (JC,ONT 433) (SM,OK) (JF,RI 343 PLS QSL) (CC,KY 444) (RH,PA 344 PLS QSL)

Mar.19-0100-0150*-6958-USB. Mx by Black Sabbath, The Doors, Lynyrd Skynyrd. (GM,VA 333/323 PLS QSL) (SM,OK)

Mar.19-0320-0325+-6958-USB. Playing rap mx & "Power Trip" by Monster Magnet, tx abt drinking Miller Lite. (NW,ONT very good PLS QSL)

Mar.19-0421-0520*-6957.9-USB. The Don w/mx selections. (SM,OK)

Indira Calling-Providence, RI

Mar.6/7-2346-0008*-6955-USB. Program of east Indian mx w/one song said to be requested by George Zeller, gave "Calcutta", RI maildrop. (BF,PA excellent) (GZ,OH 343+) (GM,CT 555) (LS,OH 555) (SM,OK) (CD,NC 554) (ML,CT 444) (JS,NE 433)

Jerry Rigged Radio-Providence, RI

Mar.7-2126+-6800-AM. Just heard stn ID. (GM,CT 232)

Mar.13-*1537-1551*-6955-USB. Stuff from Teletubbies. (RH, PA 352)

Mar.14-1651-1704-6955-USB. Mx & ads. (LS,OH 353) (CC,KY 454)

KIRK-QSL info unknown

Mar.13-*1430-1434+-6954.9-AM. S/on w/mix of "O' Canada", song "Beat My Meat" & OM repeating "that's great!". (JF,RI 433 PLS QSL) (JC,ONT 322 as Radio Doomsday)

Lounge Lizard Radio-Providence, RI

Mar.6-1805-1840*-6955-USB. Replay of program #3 from the Zeller Lounge in Cleveland, OH, mx by Dean Martin, Al Martino, Sammy Davis, Jr., gave a cocktail recipe. (GM,CT 253) (GM,VA 444)

Radio Bingo-radiobingo@mailchek.com

Mar.14-*0003-0009*-6955-USB. New program w/mentions of John Arthur winning last

week's game. (CD,NC 311) (GM,VA 444 PLS QSL) (JF,RI 444) (MH,SC 333) (SM,OK)
Mar.14-2348+-6955-USB. Replay of 3/14, 0003 UTC show. (JF,RI 333) (NW,ONT fair)
(SM,OK) (BF,PA fair PLS QSL)

Radio Metallica Worldwide-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Mar.19-2137-2200*-6954.9v-AM. Annnd as a live test broadcast, mx by Steppenwolf & Rage Against The Machine, parody song "Monster Hash", QRT w/"Secret Agent Man" & Dr.Tornado forgetting the BRS drop zip code. (LS,OH 555) (BF,PA excellent) (JF,RI 555)

Mar.19/20-2330-0009*-6954.9v-AM. Dr.Tornado & Senor El Nino talking abt WBCQ on 7415, Clinton/Lewinsky, said stn is not affiliated w/Alan Weiner, played "Nice Shot" by Filter. (JF,RI 555)

Radio Tornado Worldwide-QSLs via Dialogs, FRW or FRN postings

Mar.13-2141-2152-6955.1-AM. Usual parody of Radio Metallica WW. (CD,NC 344) (JS,NE PLS QSL) (BF,PA good PLS QSL) (CC,KY 353) (RH,PA as RMWW)

Scorch Radio-said to post on FRN website or drscorch@hotmail.com

Feb.20-*1329-6955-USB. Mx by Blue Cheer. (CC,KY 454)

Feb.21-1327-1355*-6955-USB. Mx by Blue Cheer. (CC,KY 555)

Feb.24-*2315-2358*-6955-USB. New stn w/announcer Scorch, punk rock mx by The Germs, The Sex Pistols, The Ramones, Iggy Pop, The Cramps, echo on voice announcements, op said he is from Columbus, OH. (LS,OH 454 PLS QSL) (GM,CT 444) (GM,VA 444 PLS QSL) (JS,NE 433+)

Feb.27-0012-0100*-6955-USB. Replay of 2/24, 2315 UTC show. (GZ,OH 353+) (GM, CT 444) (BF,PA good) (GM,VA 444 PLS QSL) (CD,NC 455) (JS,NE 433+)

Feb.27-0550-0557*-6955-USB. Replay of 2/24, 2315 UTC show. (JC,ONT 222)

Mar.4-2305-2345-6955-USB. Songs:"I Wanna Be A Rich Man","Reach For My Revolver", "Dead End America", "Let's Get F*cked Up", mentioned upcoming program of Dead Kennedy's mx. (BF,PA) (JS,NE 433+)

Mar.5/6-2335-0009*-6955-USB. Replay of 3/4, 2305 UTC program. (BF,PA weak) (GZ,OH 454+) (JF,RI 444 PLS QSL) (GM,CT 333) (MH,SC 343) (JS,NE nice signal!) (CC,KY 454) (RH,PA 555)

Mar.14-1456-1518*-6955-USB. Mx including "Magic Carpet Ride", short segments from a radio show. (MP,NY 353) (CC,KY 453) (RH,PA)

The Radio-QSL info unknown

Feb.24-2223-2314*-6955-USB. Played several songs, @ QRT said "You have been listening to The Radio brought to you by.... we are using the xmtr & the antenna today....". (LS,OH 353 PLS QSL)

Mar.7-2307-2334-6955-USB. Songs: "The Warrior", "I'll Stop The World", "Runaway". (CD,NC 331) (RH,PA 343)

Voice Of Prozac-Pittsburgh, PA

Mar.7-2038-2055-6955-AM. Alternative mx & IDs by YL announcer. (MH,SC 242)

Mar.7-2333-2345*-6955-USB. IDs by YL, mx. (RH,PA 141)

Mar.14-2320-2339*-6955.4-AM. YL giving QSL address & an e-mail address. (SM,OK)

WACK Radio- wackradiomail@juno.com

Mar.1-0220-0253-6955-USB. Song "Detachable Penis", funny ads, FRN plug. (GM,CT 434) (SM,OK) (BF,PA) (JS,NE funny!)

WHYP- whyp1530@yahoo.com

Mar.7-0017-0030*-6955.4-USB. Program of weather forecast for western NY, PA &

northern OH by old OM announcer, said "James H.Brownyard Memorial Stn". (GZ,OH 454) (BF,PA excellent) (GM,CT 545) (JF,RI 444) (JC,ONT 333) (SM,OK) (CD,NC 554) (ML,CT 434) (JS,NE 433+)

WKND-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Feb.20-*2222-2230-6955-AM. (tent.) Laughing IS, mention of Dayton Hamfest & "I'm Ricochet", quick QRT. (LS,OH 454 PLS QSL) (CC,KY weak)

Mar.14-*2257-2306-6954.8-AM. OM playing Irish mx. (JS,NE 211+ PLS QSL) (LS,OH 444) (SM,OK) (BF,PA fair PLS QSL) (RH,PA 554)

WMPR-QSL info unknown

Feb.21-1430-1454*-6955.4-AM. Program of Grateful Dead mx, usual stn IDs. (MP,NY) (GM,CT 232) (JS,NE PLS QSL) (CC,KY 554)

Feb.27-0135-0159-6955.4-AM. Replay of 2/21, 1430 UTC program. (MH,SC 555) (GM,CT 423) (BF,PA good)

Feb.27-2345-2352*-6955.4-AM. Pop mx by YL singers, brief ID by OM. (RB,Germany 222 PLS QSL) (BF,PA very good) (GM,VA massive!)

Feb.28-2331-2352-6955.4-AM. "WMPR Dance Party" show. (MH,SC 555) (CC,KY 453)

Mar.13-0258-0320*-6925.9-AM. Techo dance tunes like "Without You", "Take Me Away". (MH,SC 555)

Mar.14-0047-0109+-6925.2-AM. Usual "WMPR Dance Party" show. (JF,RI 444 PLS QSL) (MH,SC 444) (BF,PA excellent PLS QSL)

Mar.14-*1406-1410*-6955.4-AM. "Uncle John's Band" by The Grateful Dead then QRT. (CC,KY 454) (JS,NE 211+ PLS QSL) (RH,PA)

WPN-Huntsville, AL

Feb.28-0154-0236-6955.2v-AM. Various musical & parody bits like "Mississippi Queen" & "Ebola". (MH,SC 232/434)

Mar.2-0320-0334*-6955.2-AM. Playing mx from turn of the century. (JS,NE 211)

Mar.5-0319-0345*-6954.7-AM. (tent.) "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond, mentioned free radio buttons & read report from listener in Omaha. (SM,OK)

Mar.13-0258-0305-6955-USB. Listener letters. (JC,ONT 322) (LS,OH 353)

WWRX "Jimmy The Weasel Parody Station"-annnd wwrx@hotmail.com

Mar.1-*0111-0113*-6955-USB. Usual parody of Jimmy The Weasel. (GZ,OH 343+)

- LOGS FROM KULPSVILLE -

Radio EXP-Belfast, NY

Mar.13-2243-2324+-6955-AM. Announcer Dick Corrosion w/mx by Frank Zappa, Blood Sweat & Tears, Pat Benatar. (Majewski 555)

Voice Of Bizzaro World-Huntsville, AL

Mar.14-0312-0327*-6955-AM. Backwards show w/announcer Xnum, news on dinosaur search & commentary on Clinton. (Majewski 555)

Voice Of Pancho Villa-QSL info unknown

Mar.14-0500-0503-6955 AM & 87.9 FM. Glenn Hauser w/Bob Dole doing Viagra ads. (Majewski 555)

WPN-Huntsville,AL

Mar.13-0143-0216*-6955-AM. Announcer Captain Squirtlong w/mx from the early 1900's mailbag. (Majewski 555)

Mar.13-2234-2242*-6955-AM. Contest to win a station clock. (Majewski, 555)
Mar.14-0403-0447*-6955-AM. Program w/the Adventures of Buttman & Boy Sphincter.
(Majewski, 555)

WPOE-Huntsville, AL

Mar.14-0330-0400*-6955-AM. Replay of program #1. (Majewski, 555)

- UNIDENTIFIEDS -

Feb.20-*0300-0346*-6955-USB. Played numerous songs w/no ID. (LS,OH 353 PLS QSL)
Feb.21-*0252-0256*-6955-USB. On w/mx by Neil Young, barking dog sfx then off. (SM,OK PLS QSL)
Feb.21-0301-0321-6955-AM. Mx by OM vocalist, talking. (SM,OK weak PLS QSL)
Feb.26-0037-0044*-6955-USB. Guitar solo, announcer tx & more mx, heard e-mail address given out. (SM,OK PLS QSL)
Mar.2-0303-0346*-6955.4-AM. Heard "Mississippi Queen". (SM,OK PLS QSL)
Mar.2-0439-0458-6955-USB. YL singing abt Kentucky. (SM,OK PLS QSL)
Mar.6-0156-0208-6955-USB. Weak mx. (SM,OK PLS QSL)
Mar.7-2257-2259-6955-USB. Weak mx. (SM,OK PLS QSL)
Mar.7-2334-2343+-6955-USB. Frank Zappa song, YL gave BRS drop, possible ID as VO Toga? (GM,CT 131) (SM,OK PLS QSL)
Mar.13-1413-1424*-6955-USB. Rap mx. (JF,RI 232)
Mar.13-1715-1725-6955-AM. Sounded like country mx & maybe some French mx. (BF,PA good PLS QSL)
Mar.13-2051-2101-6955-USB. Rap mx fading in & out, testing w/4 count. (CC,KY 353)
Mar.13-2111-2117-6955.2-AM. Country mx. (CD,NC 344) (CC,KY weak)
Mar.14-0028-0031-6955-USB. Cher singing "I Got You Babe" w/Beavis & Butthead. (ML,CT 323) (SM,OK PLS QSL) (CC,KY 443) (RH,PA 353)
Mar.14-0047-0054-6955-USB. Rap/Hip-hop mx. (ML,CT 423 PLS QSL)
Mar.14-*0332-0336*-6955-USB. "Family Tradition" by Hank Williams, Jr. (SM,OK PLS QSL) (CC,KY 352)
Mar.17-2322-2355*-6955-USB. Sounded like a radio drama w/OM & YL, heard mentions of "1984" & "this is the one I really....", announcer gave a PO Box 11041 @QRT. (JF,RI 211 PLS ID/QSL)
Mar.18-0057-0115-6957.3-AM. Lots of easy listening mx. (SM,OK PLS QSL) (RH,PA 222/221 PLS QSL)

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*** DX NEWS OF INTEREST ***

Scott McArdle passes along word that a pirate beacon can be heard in the evening from Death Valley, CA on 8144.5 kHz. This beacon is running 1 watt & sends a series of dashes (130 dashes/minute). Reports can be sent to PO Box 928, Lone Pine, CA 93545-0928. Also, Black Rock Radio/KMUD will be testing on 9360 kHz USB mode from around 2300-0200 UTC Wednesday thru Sunday evenings. Reports to this station can also be sent to PO Box 928, Lone Pine, CA. Thanks for the info Scott!

Deadline for May 1999 DiaLogs: April 20th

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What's News the media report...

The FCC keeps up the heat! Three more FM micro'casters were "visited" by agents of the Federal Communications Commission, accompanied by US Marshalls. Equipment was seized from stations in: Greenwood, SC, on 101.5; Milwaukee, WI, on 88.5; and Palm Beach Gardens, FL, on 93.3 MHz from mid-January through February. (Guess it's still better to keep your head down and your powder dry...jta) [Radio World, 17 Mar 99, pp 3]

TROLLing for Pirates

formerly: **OFF THE WALL** the rumor center...

ADD new address: PO Box 928, Line Pine, CA 93545 is used by KMUD/Black Rock Radio...

The 12th Annual Winter SWL Fest is just a memory now; it certainly was a gas. Attendance was a little down this year (you could actually get around the meeting room without a problem!) but the pirate contingent was as large as ever. King Pat was unable to attend - said he broke a bone in his foot, Publisher Steve had to work, and DiaLogs Joe was busy typing all weekend, so the back-breaking job of representing the Club fell on George, Tom Severt, and myself. Tom spent a lot of time holding down the table and the Club owes him a BIG thanks. Even without anything to raffle off and no extra copies of the March ACE we were able to send more than \$200 to Pat for the treasury. Maybe we'll get to meet YOU there next year..?

And I should take a moment and a line to thank the people who consult with me about my computer and software; without the feedback and input from Jerry Bloomfield, Steve Mann, and Lee Reynolds, I'd probably still be running on the old Apple 2e! It's nice to know that someone out there knows something about these machines...

The Swappe Shoppe

buy, sell, trade announcements free to A*C*E members

Please be concise but complete: If you're looking for something, accurately describe what you want; if you're offering something for sale give make, model, honest condition, and asking price. Please help me keep these ads up to date! NO collect calls unless otherwise specified.

Wanted:

Allied-Knight rcvrs, xmtrs, xcvs, and catalogs from the 60s and early 70s. Contact: John Vercellino, 6921 Springside Ave, Downers Grove, IL 60516.

New Zealand's free radio specialist needs recordings of US legal and pirate stations for a Radio Sound Archive. If you can contribute contact: SMR via Box 1, Belfast, NY 14711.

USA and Euro Pirates: Yr jingles and promos are needed by the Op of SMR for a 7" compilation. Send contributions via Box 1, Belfast; and help preserve Free Radio history.

For Sale:

Radio Shack DX-394 HF receiver, excellent condition, with manual & telescoping antenna: \$175. MFJ-941D 300W HF antenna tuner, good condition, with manual: \$40. Motorola VHF linear amplifier, 5-7W in, 60W out, operates on 12VDC, with manual, \$50. Interested parties can contact: tmsevert@fament.com or write to: Tom Severt, 305 Granby, Frontenac KS 66763-2440. All items will ship UPS.

FT243 crystals for: 5825, 5850, 6025, 6100, 6150, 6250, 6275, 6300, 6875, 6900, 6975, 6987.5, 7250.3, 7400, 7465, 7470, 8356, and 8400: US\$5 each. Contact: jta for details.

Upgrade books for 10-meter radios including Uniden, Realistic, Ranger, RCI, Sommerkamp and more. Improve xmit, rcv, synthesizer and audio sections - no crappy CB junk! Inquiries require a #10 SASE, all others will be ignored. Contact: Bud Stacey, PO Box 907, Satsuma, AL 36572.

Theremin - make wild sounds! Assembled PC boards with instructions, just add your case; 10 available: \$50 to ACE members. Contact: C Collins, POB 342502, Milwaukee, WI 53234.

Various FT243 crystals for older Heath and Johnson rigs; 90, 41 and 19 meters available: US\$10/each, shipped. For a complete list, send a #10 SASE to: DVS, POB 1, Belfast, NY 14711.

Now you can enjoy your favorite pirate programs in the privacy of your own home or car without all the usual noise and static! The DVS Archive contains over 400 programs from more than 100 different stations, and your cost is absurdly low: only US\$2 per program (\$4 for two on one tape) if you supply the tape, or for just \$6 DVS will supply the C90 for two

programs. For a list of what's available, send a #10 SASE to: DVS, POB 1, Belfast, NY 14711.

Ever wonder how to broadcast legally - but without a license? Want to serve a small area on campus or around the school? "Adventures in Part 15 Broadcasting" is a clear, concise overview of the hobby and how it's done, what's permitted and what's not. Your copy is only US\$15 from: Bud Stacey, PO Box 907, Satsuma, AL 36572.

For Trade:

Commercial-grade FM exciter capable of 30 watts output, FCC type-approved, fully metered, set for 92.5 MHz. Will trade for quality HF rig with at least 100 watts output. Contact: jta for info.

One Last Look At The RS DX-394

(Are you tired of this yet??)

When last we discussed this radio we mentioned a software "glitch" in the DX-394 which won't let you enter a frequency into a band memory if you've selected it by way of the keypad. There's a really simple work-around, in fact: Punch in the frequency and press ENTER. Then either turn the tuning knob a step or two away from the frequency and back again, OR use the UP/DOWN buttons to do the same thing. Presto! You can now enter the frequency into a band memory. Seems silly to have to go through this extra step, but it does work.

And there is a modification that will allow use of the SSB filter as a narrow AM filter; I had done a similar mod to my venerable Icom R70 and it seemed that something like that could be done for the DX394 - it has to be cheaper than buying an after-market KIWA filter for it. The mod is far too complex to be described here, it can be found on the web at: www.qsl.net/kd4lyp/DX394.htm. And thanks again to ickW999@aol.com for the info.

Picks & Pans of 1998

results of the A*C*E Pirate Poll

It was a busy year on the air, but apparently many of you couldn't decide what you really, really liked and what you really, really hated because the votes were rather scattered. Yes, there are winners and there are losers, but there are a lot of stations that would rank in the "Honorable Mention" category. I suppose that's not completely unheard of, however.

So, did Voice of Laryngitis make an appearance in The Poll for the first time in four years? Did Joe Momma cop Free Radio Man of the Year posthumously? If Hunton will pass me the envelope, I'll tell you...

In the Programming category the 2nd Place ribbons go to a tie among: Mystery Radio, Radio Azteca (always great content), and Radio Nonsense, and the First Place Winner is: Radio Eclipse.

You turned thumbs down on Programming from Free Hope Experience and Voice of the Pigs Ear tied as 2nd Worst. Deliverance Radio (after the umpteenth repeat of "squeal like a pig", what's the point?) was voted The Worst.

In the Technical category the clear Winner was: Radio Eclipse, with everyone else barely mentioned. Although Voice of the Pigs Ear did get a positive mention for his strong signal...

Bad Technical ability? Lots of it, apparently, but the Worst was WARR.

So, let me slap some beads around on my abacus and come up with some Final Scores... And the Best Free Radio Station of the Year is: (drum roll please) Radio Eclipse. 2nd Best is awarded to: Mystery Radio. 3rd Place winds up a four-way tie among: Jerryrigged Radio (good assortment of music), Radio Azteca, Radio Nonsense, and WREC.

And the station you love to hate? You spread it around this year - we have a three-way tie for the Worst Station of the Year, including: Deliverance Radio, Free Hope Experience, and WARR (difficult copy even under the best of conditions). Voice of the Pigs Ear ran a very close 2nd Worst.

In the Additional Categories area, we have nominations for:

Best Individual Program - Betty Boo (Betty Boop Radio Halloween program), Free Dylan Experience

Best QSL Design - KORN, Betty Boop Radio

Most fun to Listen To - Polka Shortwave, Radio Shish-ka-Bob

Whatever Happened To - Radio Free Vinyl, Radio Tellus

Dumbest Operator - Voice of the Pigs Ear (for broadcasting at the same time every night) and Take It Easy Radio (like we believe that you're operating from Niagara Falls!)

Worst Choice for a Station Name - Radio Metallica Worldwide

Sad Farewells - to Radio Halloween, Radio Nonsense, and WREC

Free Radio Man of the Year - P. J. Sparx

What's the most striking thing about the above lists? Whatever happened to Eurogeek? Didn't anyone hear Voice of Laryngitis? Not a single vote was received for VoL, and Eurogeek got a single mention. However, Steve Mann certainly deserves the winning spot - his programs are original and well constructed and he always has a good, clean signal.

What's that? Your favorite station didn't show up in the Poll? Well, next year you should do something about that - participate. We'll be happy to accept your ballot(s) anytime between 01 January and 28 February of 1900..!

here's a look at what was slipped....

Under the door - the QSL report for April 1999

Charles Crawford scored a full data personalized data sheet and full data color "Llamas and mountains and lake" card from Andino Relay Service signed by Pachakuti in 40 days via Chile address, a full data "robot pirate hunter" sheet (#118) from Jerry Rigged Radio signed by Simon in 30 days, two full data pink 8.5x11 The Freak Show sheets (#2 & 3) from Scorch Radio in 9 days, for e-mail report to drscorch@hotmail.com, and yet another (#10) with red Danger tag in 8 days for logging on ACE web page.

Joe Filipkowski took time out from his typing to let us know about a full data grey sheet from Indira Calling signed by Vijay in one month.

Bill Finn has scored big in the last few months and wants the Ops to know it: a full data "turn off that little radio - turn on your BIG Radio" sheet (#72) from WBIG signed by Big Mike in a couple months, a "pick your date" sheet (#11) from KMART, a full data "Farewell PJ" sheet (#179) from Radio Garbanzo signed by FF in about four months, a full data "banned album cover" sheet (#46) from Blind Faith Radio signed by Dr Napalm in six weeks, an electronic qsl (#4) from WWRX signed by Jimmy Jr in three days, and a full data sheet from Scorch Radio with two blank ones in ten days.

Edward Kusalik missed the Winter SWL Fest to be on hand for a full data sheet (#44) of nude girl & airplane from Blind Faith Radio signed by Dr Napalm in 18 days (he got another QSL sheet in another 2 months for the same rpt), a full data yellow card from SWRS for relay of Radio Marquita with 500 watts in four months, and two more cards from SWRS for 11470 and 21470 (you mean 21450U?? jta) with 350 watts in 82 and 28 days for Email reports.

Scott McArdle was busy meeting his mailperson for a full data sheet & note from WPOE signed by Jack for report to Huntsville in 25 days, an email verification from Black Rock Radio / KMUD in 2 days for ACE website logging pending regular QSLs, a QSL sheet from Scorch Radio in 14 days for unidentified ACE website log, a QSL sheet w/QSL recipients sheet from Indira Calling in 69 days, and a full data card & letter from Bobaloo in 25 days for report to Belfast.

John McWilliams chortled about a full data "banned LP cover" sheet from Blind Faith Radio signed by Doc Napalm in 24 days, a full data QSL (#321) from Radio Eclipse signed by Steve Mann in 422 days, a full data card (#320) from WGTG in 331 days, a

full data sheet (#1 for 1999) from Radio One signed by Bobaloo in 20 days, and a full data sheet from Indira Calling signed by Vijay in 30 days.

Ray Pfaff took time off from the Winter SWL Fest to reach out for QSL (#10) from KMART signed by Stone Cold in two weeks, and a full data QSL (#20) from Indira Calling in six weeks. Jesse Rose is showing off two full data "1000th issues of Play DX" cards for same broadcast heard on two different freqs as well as personal letter with pennant and a heck of a lot of other stuff from Play DX (via SWRS) signed by Dario Monferini in 4 weeks, a full data unsigned "History of Radio Blue Star" sheet and stickers from Radio Blue Star unsigned in plenty of time, a full data "Some kind of Animals Grazing on a Mountaintop" card and personal letter from Andino Relay Service (via SWRS) signed by Pachakuti in 2 months, and a full data unsigned "History of East Coast Holland" Sheet from East Coast Holland in 5 weeks.

George Zeller went to the Winter SWL Fest and still got a full data "pirate and ship w/Jimmy the Weasel, Live in Concert" sheet (#9) from WRX signed by Jimmy in 48 days, a color picture of nude teenage girl with airplane from original Blind Faith record album sheet from Blind Faith Radio signed by Dr Napalm in 27 days for e-mail report, and a full data "map of Peru" sheet from Radio Inca signed by Jose in 50 days for a report to the Providence maildrop.

That's a wrap for this month; C U in 30. Best of DX and 73.

SIGfile tagline of the month:

"The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese."

CLANDESTINE PROFILE

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Your loggings, information, and speculations about clandestine radio stations are always very welcome for this column. You can send them direct to your editor at 3492 West 123rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Or, you can call (216) 941-3366 anytime, or else (216) 696-9077 between 1200-2045 UTC weekdays. E-mail input is welcome via mygeorgez@acclink.com address.

ANNUAL APRIL COLUMN

As usual during April, I had to write this column early on a short deadline because I attended the annual Winter SWL Festival in Kulpville, Pennsylvania. Plenty of ACE members were in attendance at the Fest this year, and we all had a great time. Thus, if you sent in material that you don't see here, it probably arrived after this unusual early date. We'll cover it next month. As a result of the forced early schedule, this column will be somewhat shorter than usual.

ZACHARIAS LIANGAS LOGGINGS

Once again this month we have a variety of clandestine loggings submitted by Zacharias Liangas from Greece. Given the time difference between Greece and North America, he is often able to hear clandestines that are inaudible on our side of the ocean. But, many of these stations have later broadcasts around 0300 or 0400 UTC, often on the same or similar frequencies, so these channels are worth a look by us.

Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan. Between 1820 and 1838* UTC this one came in on 4085 kHz February 21. Zacharias noted the close of a prior program at 1820, an ID, and middle eastern songs. An ID by a female announcer and a hymn preceded QRT. Programming was in Arabic with a good signal.

Voice of the Worker. This one came in on 4195 kHz between 1745 and 1800 with folk songs, the news read by a male announcer, and an ID. The date on this log was February 21.

Voice of Tigray Revolution. Zacharias heard them on 5500 kHz from 1708-1730 UTC on February 28. Programming consisted of a male announcer in an unidentified Arabic-sounding language, as well as folk songs. The signal was good in Greece.

RADIO MARTI INVESTIGATION

Armando Mastrapa of the Clandestine Radio: An Anti-Castro Historiography web page sends in a reference to a February 11 article in the *Miami Herald* about a forthcoming investigation report on Radio Marti from the Office of the Inspector General in the State Department. The actual report is anticipated about the time that you read this column. But, the *Herald* reports that "Radio Marti's management and outside overseers have been lax in overseeing the professionalism of its broadcasts to Cuba, and some of its programs lack balance and fairness." If you'd like to read the full text of the *Herald* article, it's on the web at the <http://www.cubanet.org/CNews/y99/feb99/11e3.htm> URL.

WANT TO BUY WATKINS JOHNSON?

You'll notice that the headline of this paragraph does not ask you if you want to buy a Watkins Johnson receiver. It instead asks if you want to buy the Watkins Johnson Company. Apparently it is for sale. According to CMPnet, citing *Semiconductor Business News*, the Watkins Johnson board announced on March 1 that as a result of a "strategic review" by investment bank CIBC Oppenheimer, the company is for sale. According to the SBN article, "The (WJ Trustees) board is committed to maximizing value for all our shareowners," said W. Keith Kennedy, president and CEO of Watkins-Johnson, in Palo Alto, Calif. "In light of CIBC Oppenheimer's analysis, we have now concluded the best course of action for our shareowners is to pursue the sale of Watkins-Johnson in its entirety or as separate businesses." A fight with dissident shareholders is contributing to the climate leading to the sale.

If you'd like to read more of the business details, <http://www.techweb.com/wire/finance/story/INV19990302S0001> contains the entire *Semiconductor Business News* story.

Taken literally, I suppose that the Board might listen to an offer from you to just buy the communications receiver portion of the company. If some ACE member would buy Watkins Johnson, maybe we could get them to finally put the long promised but never delivered passband tuning and selectable sideband synchronous detector modifications into the HF-1000. On the other hand, it would definitely be cheaper to just buy a Kneisner and Doering KWZ30, or even a Japan Radio Corporation NRD-545.

I looked in both the latest Universal Shortwave catalog and the latest Grove Buyer's Guide, but I did not see a discount price listed for the Watkins Johnson Company.

ANTI-CASTRO COMPUTER GAME

I shopped this item around to a couple of DX bulletins, but for obvious reasons the various editors didn't think that it held much DX interest for people. But, after thinking about it, I believe that this is something that might catch the eye of some ACE clandestine buffs. There are now some computer games that permit you to fight against Castro, so as to free the island of Cuba. One, called A-10 Cuba, is based on an attack from "Guantánamo Bay in this intense flight simulation experience. The game features multiple attack strategies and increasing levels of difficulty as you fight against a huge variety of enemy aircraft and vehicles." Another game, "Top Gun," is an aircraft fighting game that has a "mission of the month" that you can acquire. One alternative for the missions is an attack on Cuba.

If you'd like to check these out, <http://www.download.com/> takes you to the CNet software download home page. There is a searcher on the page. Typing "Cuba" into the searcher will take you to a description of the games. With one of these games, you can start your own Bay of Pigs invasion, although I don't believe that they come complete with a clandestine transmitter.

ANOTHER ANTI-SCANNER BILL

There is another bill in Congress to restrict the manufacture and sales of scanners. Not content to harass transmitters via the FCC, some in Congress seem continually fixated on passing legislation to outlaw receivers as well. Now that South Africa and the USSR and some of the other notorious political systems of the world have changed, I guess there is nostalgia among some knucklehead Congressmen for totalitarian regimes, and they want to set one up here in

the United States. If you're interested in the specific restrictions in this goofy new bill, Dave Zantow points out that Rich Wells has the full text of H.R. 514 on his web page that can be reached via the <http://www.strongsignals.net> URL.

The members of Congress who want to prohibit radios in this country are Wilson, Tauzin, Markey, Oxley, Eshoo, Deal (GA), Wynn, Cubin, Luther, Rogan, Sawyer, Pickering, and Gillmor. A couple of these guys are from Ohio: Oxley and Sawyer. Oxley is a far right wing conservative Republican from rural western Ohio, while Sawyer is a liberal Democrat from Akron who prior to now had been showing consistent levels of common sense. The legislation, as usual, is cloaked in "privacy" language, as a protection for individual rights. This, of course, is complete baloney, since it is instead designed to protect the profits of cheap skate communications companies who are too lazy to encrypt their signals. I don't know about you, but I'm getting tired of politicians who do something while saying that they are doing a completely different thing. It's standard practice in Washington, which is why you have to measure the noses of most politicians with a yardstick. It's a sad circumstance.

CLANDESTINE QSL WEB SITE

In *Clandestine Radio Watch* #24, Martin Schoech points out that there is a Clandestine Radio QSL Card Gallery web site at <http://www.swl.net/swl-de/bild-cla/htm> that is worth checking out if you'd like to see some nice clandestine QSL's.

ANNIVERSARY

Next month will mark the beginning of the 15th year for the Clandestine Profile column in *The ACE*. When Andrew O'Brien and I began to cover clandestines, we had no idea that this project would last 15 years. The main interest of most ACE members still revolves around pirate radio, but I think that there is still enough interest among our members that we need to pay attention to clandestine stations. Times have changed. We used to have whole columns dominated by a dozen easily heard clandestines targeted to Western Hemisphere countries like Cuba, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, etc. They used to be interesting listening, complete with sirens, bombs dropping, bullet sound effects, and so forth. Since then, the number of "pure" covert Western Hemisphere shortwave clandestines is probably down to only two, both of which are tough DX catches from Colombia. But, there remains plenty of clandestine activity elsewhere in the world, so I don't think that the subject matter of this column will dry up anytime soon.

I want to extend my appreciation to numerous ACE members who have supported this column over the years, as well as quite a few people outside ACE who have helped out on many occasions. Thank you very much!

THANKS!

This month we thank the following DXers who sent in material direct to this column: Martin Schoech (Germany), Armando Mastrapa (Florida), Paul Griffin (California), Maximo Thomas (Florida), Dick Pearce (Vermont), Zacharias Liangas (Italy), David Zantow (Wisconsin), and George Zeller (Ohio). Next month we all hope to hear from YOU by March 20 for the April ACE Clandestine Profile.

Micro 'casting

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The sole purpose of this column is to enlighten & educate ACE members about the many facets of Part 15 and micro radio- this is YOUR column! Please send all newspaper clippings, tapes, station profiles and what-have-you to the mailing address or e-mail address above.

Happy April Fools' Day! Hope all the jokes you dole out or receive are not malicious, but fun for all...how did all this come about any way? Many thanks to John T. Arthur and George Zeller for their help in micro radio coverage...it's tough covering EVERYTHING when time is so limited here-thanks, guys! And in the immortal words of Jackie Gleason: "...and away we go!"

FCC NEWS: The Federal Cash Cops continue to shut down micro stations while still considering the issue of legalizing such...according to the March 17 issue of *Radio World*, three more stations were "hit", with the aid of U.S. Marshals Service and the U.S. Attorney's Office, in Greenwood, SC, Milwaukee, WI and Palm Beach Gardens, FL. The raids occurred from mid-January through February. Check into more news by accessing www.rwonline.com....

In other news, San Francisco Liberation Radio stated in the latest AMPB Report #29 (the newsletter of the Association of Micro-Power Broadcasters) that the FCC came & chatted with them one evening (date unknown) about 6:30pm- no S.W.A.T. team, just two unarmed agents- and everything was quite polite. No mention of what was discussed, but they did say they'd have the details on their website at <http://www.slip.net/~dove/diary.html> and their e-mail address is sflr@slip.net in case you want to comment. By the way, AMPB can be reached at: ampb@california.com or AMPB, 2018 Shattuck Ave. #22, Berkeley, CA 94704.

Finally, the FCC is considering what interference would be had at the highest proposed micro level, 1000 watts (LP1000). There was an extensive article, again, in the March 17 issue of *Radio World*, which made front-page material. The study centers around distances "in kilometers from full-service station needed to avoid interference (FCC calculations)". Also considered is the antenna height of 60 meters...hey, WHAT THE H#! HAPPENED TO AMERICAN STANDARD MEASUREMENTS!?!? I HATE METRICS IN THE LAND OF THE FREE AND BRAVE! Ahem, excuse me, please, but 'nuff said.... Needless to say, in my opinion, not too many folks have the real estate to erect a tower almost 200 feet tall with the appropriate guy wires- and many municipalities now have covenants against any outside structure (read: tower) they deem to be inappropriate for their precious beauty standards. Some Amateur radio operators

tower/pole structure and are using "hidden antenna" tactics, like plastic flagpoles and attic antennas.

And how many working folks can easily afford a 1kw transmitter, much less the gear to run it? Yes, I know, I'm being pessimistic, but it seems all I hear about is the LP1000. There are those who can and WILL run this type of station the moment it's signed into regulations, but the vast majority of future hopeful micro station owners/operators I seem to run into will be looking at the 100 watt and lower class. *WHAT'S YOUR OPINION??? I WANNA KNOW!*

Equipment Review (sort-of): In past columns, there have been mention of only a few lower-end kits and transmitters available, the most notable is Ramsey Electronics, which is agreed by some "purists" to be nothing but grade-school level gear, but has been improved and used by many. Others have also been mentioned- see past issues of the ACE/"Micro'casting" columns...but here are a few more that are more "high-end" and nearer to professional gear I have read about & seen reviews. Due to many folks being on the World Wide Web nowadays, I so far have only e-mail addresses, so if you aren't on the 'web, check into your largest local library for usage of their computers to browse and search-boy, is there EVER some stuff out there! "...and away we go!":

Broadcast Warehouse: (www.broadcast-warehouse.com) Their website is home to reviews, news, kits, and products and you can even e-mail them to subscribe for the latest & greatest! Just follow the prompts. I've read in *alt.radio.pirate* that the stuff they produce is top-notch and their R&D department is improving things all along.

Veronica: (www.veronica.co.uk/) Home of the high-end Veronica Kit transmitters of varying powers. These have been reviewed as about the best that can be had. Veronica advertises professional-quality transmitters for serious hobbyists in kit or assembled form as well as antennas, limiters and power supplies.

PCS: (<http://fov1.fov.uni-mb.si/~ufopra374a/kits.htm>) I'm not sure who PCS is, but they're the home of the Max-1 transmitter- I've not heard much about this one, but their site is extensive and there is much info on the art of micro'casting and equipment.

Radio Free Berkeley: (www.freeradio.org) The home of the FRB TX kits. Many folks building & reviewing these kits have mentioned how tedious and lacking the instructions are, that it takes some experimentation and reworking to get 'em up & running right. I've seen some instruction sheets, too & they leave me hanging....

Radio4All: (www.radio4all.org/) Many links to micro stations and techno stuff alike (including FRN!). In fact, scroll down and check out "Serious Techno Stuff" which contains stuff other than FM micro radio....There's so much stuff, I haven't had time to search it all! Good site!

Panaxis: (www.panaxis.com or www.panaxis.com/index.html) Panaxis has had goodies for years for many areas of the electronics hobby. What's puzzled me is that their transmitters us both positive and negative power supplies- which means, you either have to buy theirs or build your own. Other than that, good stuff from what folks tell me!

I have several other sites with links, but here's two more for now; just use your browser to check into literally hundreds of sites, maybe thousands!

www.snap.com/directory/catagory/0%2C16%2Chome-1390%2C00.html
(or just www.snap.com and search around) and also
http://burn.uscd.edu/%7Emai/pirate_links.html

April Conference If you read this and can make travel plans, the Constructive Interference Microbroadcasting Conference in Memphis TN is on April 9-11, put on by the collective of Free Radio Memphis, Black Cat Radio and the Woman's Action Collective; many workshops are scheduled over the three day meeting, so if you're interested, contact the Constructive Interference Collective at cic_frm@hotmail.com and tell 'em you read it here in The ACE! If nothing else, e-mail 'em words of encouragement!

Speaking of encouragement, be sure to e-mail the FCC soon and often in support of the coming micro proposals: www.fcc.gov or write to them at: FCC, 1919 M Street N.W., Washington, DC 20554. *IT IS IMPORTANT YOU GET YOUR COMMENTS IN BEFORE APRIL 12, WHICH IS THE DEADLINE!!!*

Well, that's all the news that's fit to print; until next time: be radioactive! esta es Bud

Covert Comms

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Well here I am just back from the Winter SWL festival at Kulpsville, Pennsylvania. I had a great time sitting at the ACE table and seeing everyone who stopped by. Now let's take a look at this month's loggings.

1740 - IS1HT, unid beacon in MCW at 0058. (TS)
4173.5 - M8 1100 CW NWUDN MAIDN ITDTD (Wed) 17 Feb 99 (JPL)
4461 - MOSSAD/E10 0100 Fri 2/19/99 YL/EE rptg FTJ 5LG. (JM)
4506 - M8 0307 CW (In tfc - Wed) 17 Feb 99 (JPL)
5116.5 - ANDUWRIGMT/M8 0200 Fri 2/19/99 5L/F/G in progress. (JM)
5268 - M28 0340 CW DE HEP5 (Wed) 17 Feb 99 (JPL)
5419 - Cuban CW cut # stn (1-0=ANDUWRIGMT) at 0203 w/ 5F msg. (TS)
5431.5/5779.5 - P7X CW at 0205 w/ 5L grps interspersed w/ high speed data xmissions. (TS)
5470 - Unid speech-inversion scrambling in USB at 0218. (TS)
5732 - Speech-inversion scrambling in USB at 0235. (TS)
5779.5 - UNK 0245 CW QRA DE P7X (//5431.5 - Sat) 6 Mar 99 (JPL)
6270//7760 - MOSSAD/E10 0100 Fri 2/19/99 YL/EE rptg ULX 5LG. (JM)
6802 - YL/SS Counting station in AM at 0318 w/ 3/2F msg. (TS)
6855 - Cuban YL/SS 5F msg in AM at 0322. (TS)
7555 - V2 0300 AM ATENCION 21739 65383 13583 (Sun) 7 Mar 99 (JPL)
7760 - MOSSAD/E10 0100 Thu 2/18/99 YL/EE rptg ULX 5LG. (JM)
7918 - MOSSAD/E10 0200 Thu 2/18/99 YL/EE rptg YHF 5LG. (JM)
7968 UNK 1309 CW (Sending VVV - Hand sent) NR BT (into 5fig tfc 32 Gp msg) AR (Repeated some of the groups - T=0 - Sun) (Sent two more msgs prefixed with VVV LTLT BT (Both coded msg contained a combination of both letters and numbers - What peaked my interest was that the xmitter sounded like the ones used for M8 skeds. - All 3 msgs were very short 32, 40 and 27 groups - After sending his 3 msgs, he was obviously breaking in one someone (not heard on this freq) sending tfc to him. Was still going at 1405Z) (Suspect cuban diplo) 7 Mar 99 (JPL)
8000 - M31 0208 CW VVV DE FDG AR (Sat) 6 Mar 99 (JPL)
8057 - UNK 0210 CW QRA DE P7X (Sun) 7 Mar 99 (JPL)
8300 - "New Star" YL/CC 4F stn in AM at 1317. (TS)
9024 - V2 0208 AM (In tfc - Wed) 17 Sep 99 (JPL)
9063 - Atencion/V2 0200 Thu 2/18/99 YL/SS rptg A 93551 58613 54982 5FG. (JM)
9130//11565 - MOSSAD/E10 0100 Thu 2/18/99 YL/EE rptg EZI 5LG. (JM)
10046 - M22 0125 CW VVV DE 4XZ BT (Sun) 7 Mar 99 (JPL)
10127.5 - M8 1105 CW (In tfc - Wed) 17 Feb 99 (JPL)
11545//12603//13375 - LP/E3 1500 Thu 2/18/99 YL/EE rptg 86791 5FGx2. (JM)
13452//15478 - TCS/V5 0100 Fri 2/19/99 YL/SS rptg 857 Grupo 104 3/2FG. (JM)
14487//15682 - LP/E3 1400 Thu 2/18/99 extremely weak - only tune audible. (JM)
14931 - M16 1645 CW 8BY 058/311 (//20946 - Fri) 5 Mar 99 (JPL)
20048 - SLHFB 1655 CW P (Marker - Fri) 5 Mar 99 (JPL)
22108 - Cherry Ripe/E4 0000 Fri 2/19/99 extremely weak - only tune audible. (JM)

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Jean-Paul LeBlanc writes: "I am wondering if there is any connection between P7X and M51. Is it a coincidence that they only appear periodically and in this case happened to be up at the same time? Perhaps a search of old logs might shed some light. I have only been doing this for a short while, so do not have years of logs to check this theory out. Another observation that I have made regarding these two skeds is that both send BT as two separate letters, that is B and T. Comments???" Personally, I don't think that the two are related. M51 appears to be operated by French intelligence while P7X appears to be a training station operated in North America (see my May 1998 column). More evidence would be needed than the fact that they were on the air at the same time. Your comments appreciated.

If you would like your loggings included here, please send them to me at the address at the top of the page. Your comments, loggings, and information are appreciated.

The Presidents Page

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WINTERFEST was a big success and I'm sorry I missed everyone this year but I broke my toe on the Tuesday before the Fest and was in extreme pain. Finally got to sit and listen to the radio for a few hours, but all the Pirates were in Kulpsville at the Winterfest. I did get reports from those attending and understand that the ACE had a great showing of members and the forums were excellent as usual.

Already the NAB is attacking the proposal for LPFM and to be honest; I don't see this becoming a reality in the near future. Looks like all the LPFM'ers will have to stay in the ranks of Pirates for a lot longer than they'd thought.

For the latest Pirate catches, visit the ACE Website and check out the Logs section. Our thanks to John Cruzan and Kirk Trummel for making the site available and keeping it looking good. They have put in a lot of time and effort to keep our presence on the Web and we've picked up a few new members because of it.

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